

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~The rod of claim 5~~ A vibrating fishing rod, comprising: a vibratory module mounted within a handle cavity of the fishing rod, the vibratory module being vibratory coupled to only a wall of the handle cavity, such that vibrations are only indirectly applied to a lure on the end of a line connected to the rod, with no direct connection of the vibratory module to the line;

with the vibratory module frictionally engaged with the wall of the handle cavity, with no direct connection to the line from the vibratory module;

with the rod including a tapered, hollow rod body having a large end, with an internal wall defining the handle cavity, and with the handle cavity being elongate and tapered to become smaller in a direction away from the large end;

with a removable, open ended, cylindrical cap overlying an extreme end of the handle, such that access to the handle cavity is provided when the cap is removed, and the handle cavity is sealed when the cap is fitted; and the vibratory module being elongate and removable for servicing through the end of the handle;

with a switch mounted in a fore grip located adjacent an inner end of a reel holder, and with circuit conduits interconnecting the switch and the vibratory module such that the switch controls the vibratory module.

Claims 8-16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~The rod of claim 5~~ A vibrating fishing rod, comprising: a vibratory module mounted within a handle cavity of the fishing rod, the vibratory module being vibratory coupled to only a wall of the handle cavity, such that vibrations are only indirectly applied to a lure on the end of a line connected to the rod, with no direct connection of the vibratory module to the line;

with the vibratory module frictionally engaged with the wall of the handle cavity, with no direct connection to the line from the vibratory module;

with the rod including a tapered, hollow rod body having a large end, with an internal wall defining the handle cavity, and with the handle cavity being elongate and tapered to become smaller in a direction away from the large end;

with a removable, open ended, cylindrical cap overlying an extreme end of the handle, such that access to the handle cavity is provided when the cap is removed, and the handle cavity is sealed when the cap is fitted; and the vibratory module being elongate and removable for servicing through the end of the handle;

wherein the vibratory module includes an electric motor and eccentric weight connected for rotation by the electric motor, and with the electric motor and a battery being mounted to an elongate printed circuit board.

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (allowed): A vibrating fishing rod having a rod body, handle and a reel holder, comprising:

a vibratory module mounted within a handle cavity of the fishing rod;

with the vibratory module being accessible through an end opening defined by an end edge of the handle cavity;

with a removable, open ended, cylindrical cap overlying an extreme end of the handle, such that access to the handle cavity is provided when the cap is removed, and the handle cavity is sealed when the cap is fitted;

wherein the vibratory module includes an electric motor and eccentric weight connected for rotation by the electric motor, and with the electric motor and a battery being mounted to an elongate printed circuit board;

with a switch in the fore grip, and the electric motor being activated in response to actuation of the switch; and

with circuit conduits to the switch routed rearwardly over the end edge of the cavity, then between the handle and rod body, and then between the reel holder and rod body, such that there are no apertures in the rod body for circuit conduits.

Claim 20 (currently amended): In a vibrating fishing rod of the type having a tapered, hollow rod body having a large end, with an internal wall defining an elongate, tapered handle cavity, and the rod body having an end edge defining an end opening in the handle cavity, with a handle overlying a portion of the large end of the rod body, the handle having an end edge substantially coplanar with the end edge of the rod body, a reel holder fitted over the rod body adjacent an inner end of the handle, and a fore grip fitted over the rod body adjacent an inner end of the reel holder, the improvement comprising: a removable, open ended, cylindrical cap overlying an extreme end of the handle, such that access to the handle cavity is provided when the cap is removed, and the handle cavity is sealed when the cap is fitted; a vibratory module

within the handle cavity, the vibratory module including an elongate printed circuit board, first and second battery fingers extending from a top surface of the circuit board, an electric motor mounted to the top surface and an eccentric weight on a shaft of the electric motor; a momentary, pushbutton switch mounted in the fore grip; and circuit conduits interconnecting the switch, electric motor and battery to permit actuation of the electric motor when the switch is depressed, the circuit conduits being entirely interior of the fore grip, reel holder, and handle, and with walls defining at least one groove in a reel ~~body~~ holder interior surface to accommodate a circuit conduit.